

**William Carroll to Andrew Jackson, October 25, 1814,
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Nashville, October 25, 1814.

Dear General, You will be advised by the Governor that I am ordered by him to take command of the 5000 troops from this State, and transport them to New Orleans.

I have scarcely time to recapitulate the preparations I have made. I have made a requisition for Sixty days rations for the three thousand troops to be rendezvoused at this place as well as a requisition on the Qr. Mas. Dept. for Camp equipage, munitions of War, and Boats.

The Boats will be ready and let me assure you that one week will not be spent here, until we are on our march, and as we may expect to reach New Orleans without head winds at this season, you may calculate that our voyage will be as short as it is possible for the exertions of man to make it.

There are two barges and eight Keel boats at this place. if the flatboats are not ready, against the day of rendezvouse I will freight the troops in the barges and Keel boats.

I am fearful about the East Tennessee troops. Genl. Coulter is not, as I am informed, the most active Officer. I have therefore to facilitate their movements, sent Maj. Baxter this morning to East Tennessee, to push them on with all possible dispatch, and that they may the more easily pass the Muscle Shoals, I made in due time a requisition for ninety

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thousand rations to be delivered at the foot of the shoals. This will be done; and there will, I hope, be little difficulty in getting empty boats over the Shoals.

I trust you will believe, that nothing better could be done, when it is considered that I am ordered down the river. I have made all the requisitions necessary for Genl. Coulter's Brigade. Everything in detail next mail.

In haste Dear Genl. yr. friend